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## NRCS Holds Conservation Cost-Share Programs Public Input Meetings

<u>CITY</u>, CO *Friday, October 03*, 2008 – The 2008 Farm Bill became law June 18, 2008 and rule making process is underway. As NRCS in Colorado prepares to manage and deliver the conservation programs, many of which include cost-share and other financial assistance, over the next five years, the Agency wants to ensure it develops a plan that meets the needs of its customers and addresses the natural resource conservation priorities within the State.

As a result, The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is hosting a series of public input sessions throughout Colorado. The input session within your watershed, is being held at the Rifle Fire Station located at 1850 Railroad Avenue, Rifle, CO on September 24, 2008 from 10:00am–12:00pm.

"We would very much like to hear from our natural resource partners and our customers," states, **DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST FIRST AND LAST NAME**, District Conservationist, **CITY**, CO. "Their input is critical to NRCS' conservation program delivery processes and procedures. We want to make sure we provide the opportunity for people to share their natural resource conservation expertise, experiences, and opinions, as well as provide input for the direction NRCS should take as we administer the conservation programs in the 2008 Farm Bill."

The public input sessions will cover topics ranging from water conservation invasive species and are designed for NRCS natural resource partners and customers to share their natural resource conservation concerns, priorities and suggestions for program improvement and direction.

NRCS encourages farmers, ranchers, conservation partners and agricultural landowners within the Colorado River Watershed to join them on September 24, 2008 at the Rifle Fire Station located at 1850 Railroad Avenue, Rifle CO from 10:00am – 12:00pm. NRCS is planning an informative and highly interactive exchange.

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